



## Madison River Citizen Advisory Committee

### Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Madison River Citizen Advisory Committee and helping to develop recommendations for future management on this river. It is important that you review the application material before submitting an application. **Applications are due by close of business on March 16, 2012.**

### **General Information**

The Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Director will appoint a citizen advisory committee (CAC) to assist with the development of a recreation management plan for the Madison River. The Madison River is world renowned for its fishing and scenic beauty. It is frequently the most heavily fished river in Montana and it is an important part of the local and regional economy. The popularity of the Madison River presents a number of challenges for the agencies responsible for managing recreation on the river and at its access sites. The frequency of encounters between boats on the river, the number of people and vehicles at access sites, conflict between different types of rivers users, and trespass onto private property are a few of the social issues that affect both the quality of the recreation experience and the satisfaction of those who reside along the river. There also are resource impacts associated with the high volume of use in the river corridor including littering and human waste. The CAC will be tasked with helping to further clarify the important issues and the expectations of the river users. The committee will subsequently make recommendations for achieving these expectations by addressing social concerns.

### **Information for Applicants**

FWP has assembled some information to consider before you submit an application to serve on the committee.

#### *Time Commitment*

FWP anticipates the CAC will meet approximately 8 times beginning in the Spring of 2012. Meetings will occur every 2 to 3 weeks and range from 3 to 4 hours in duration with the possibility to meet longer depending on availability of committee members. Location of meetings will depend on availability of meeting rooms and travel distance for committee members.

#### *Travel Reimbursement*

FWP will reimburse mileage for CAC members' travel to and from official CAC meetings within Montana. Special note to nonresident applicants: FWP encourages nonresidents to apply. Nonresidents will be responsible for their travel to Montana.

### *Participation*

CAC members are expected to attend meetings. FWP recognizes that scheduling conflicts, weather, or other factors may result in missed meetings. CAC members will be removed from the committee if they miss more than two meetings.

### *Advisory Role*

The CAC serves in an advisory capacity. Its role in the planning process is to develop recommendations. FWP and the FWP Commission will consider the recommendations of the CAC. There is no guarantee, however, that the final management plan will follow the CAC recommendations. The public's comments on the draft plan, the results of the environmental analysis, and input from staff will also play a significant role in the development of the final plan.

### *Commitment to Collaboration*

CAC members are expected to work towards collaborative solutions that meet their own personal interests as well as the interests of the other committee members and the public at large. It is not necessary to share the same perspective as other committee members but it is imperative that committee members treat each other with respect and civility.

### *Composition of the CAC*

The composition of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is an important aspect of the Madison River Recreation Planning Process. FWP is seeking a diverse committee to represent the various interest categories that recreate on the Madison River or are affected by recreation management decisions. People with the ability to represent more than one interest category are desirable. FWP will appoint approximately 10 – 12 people to represent the following interests (the application process may reveal additional interest categories).

- The interests of anglers (resident, nonresident, float fishing, wade fishing, etc.)
- The interests of non-angling river recreation (bird watching, canoeing, etc.)
- The interests of outfitters
- The interests of landowners along the river
- The interests of businesses affected by recreation

## **Questions**

Please contact Madison River Recreation Manager Cheryl Morris at (406) 994-6359 or [cherylmorris@mt.gov](mailto:cherylmorris@mt.gov) if you have questions about the CAC application process.

**Madison River Citizen Advisory Committee**  
**Application Form**

**Applications must be postmarked no later than**  
**March 16, 2012. Mail or fax to:**  
Fish, Wildlife & Parks Region 3  
Madison CAC  
1400 South 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Bozeman, MT 59718-5496  
Fax: (406) 994-4090



***Montana Fish,  
Wildlife & Parks***

**Please Print**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening or Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Residency Status (check one): ☐ Resident of Montana ☐ Nonresident

***Please address each of the following questions.***

**1. What is the SINGLE most important Madison River recreation issue to you?**

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**2. Please list 3 reasons for wanting to be a member of the CAC.**

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**3. Does your schedule allow you to commit to attending 8 meetings starting in the Spring of 2012?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

**4. Please indicate your availability to attend meetings and circle your preference:**

☐ Daytime ☐ Weekdays  
☐ Evenings ☐ Weekends

5. Are you willing to assist, in a limited way, with a broader public outreach effort?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Are you willing to participate as a member of a sub-committee for the CAC, which could entail additional assignments outside of regular committee meetings?

☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Have you participated as a member of an advisory committee tasked with developing recommendations for recreation or resource management? Please list examples:

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8. What are your initial ideas for managing recreation on the Madison River?

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9. Please check ALL categories that apply to you. CIRCLE the ONE you most identify with.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Float Angler                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Madison River landowner (land adjacent to river) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wade Angler                        | <input type="checkbox"/> FAS visitor not floating or fishing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Outfitter (Licensed in MT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Employed in Recreation/Tourism Business          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Guide (Licensed in MT)     | (business type: _____)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boater: Non-angling                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Innertuber                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                     |

10. Please check the sections of the Madison River you are familiar with. CIRCLE the section you are **MOST** familiar with.

- ☐ Headwaters to Hebgen Lake  
☐ Hebgen Lake to Ennis  
☐ Ennis to Confluence with Missouri River

11. Use the space below to provide additional comments on why you would add value to the CAC:

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**✗ Please sign and date your application.**

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_